



"K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION

OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K Division – 2022/02/15 13:00

COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

Updates appear in **GREEN**

Sit Reps appear in **BLUE**

Information from other agencies/units appears in **ORANGE**

BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. Using social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; the intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

KEY FINDINGS

- The protesters have left the Coutts border. Reaction on social media is disappointment; however, most people appear to understand why they are leaving and are supportive of the work done so far by the protesters.
- **Personal**, one of the main spokespersons for the Coutts protesters, has indicated that "they" plan to re-group and figure out what to do next. He stated that the blockades were a "blunt instrument" and that the next protest actions will have to be "precise," though he did not indicate what this meant specifically.
- In the wake of Coutts/Milk River protesters planning to leave the border, some supporters are discussing the possibility of travelling to Ottawa to protest, not as a convoy, but as individuals. It is assessed as unlikely that they will take action on these plans.
- Yesterday, the "throne speech convoy" poster was shared a few times by Facebook group "Rally 4 Resources"; however, the event does not appear to be organized by anyone specifically, as per the public social media groups.
- **Personal Info.** put out a call for a protest leaving from the Acheson Husky at 12:00. He does not indicate where they plan on going, and only one person responded.

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- “Rally 4 Resources” is promoting a convoy to the Edmonton legislature to protest the Throne Speech, scheduled to take place at 13:00hrs on 2022/02/22.
- There are upcoming events planned in K Division affecting areas including:
 - Any town or city willing to send a convoy to Edmonton
 - Red Deer
 - Acheson
 - Okotoks
 - Fort McMurray/Wood Buffalo
 - Ponoka
 - La Crete

Acheson Convoy 2022/02/15

Date: 2022/02/15

Time: 11:00 – 12:00

Meeting location: Acheson Husky

Detachment(s) affected: Parkland

<https://www.facebook.com/>Personal Info.



Image 1: Screen capture of poster “Had Enough?” Acheson Husky Convoy (source: Facebook, 2022-02-15)

The organizer of this event is unknown at this time. The above poster (Image 1) was shared at approximately 10:00hrs and has received only one comment and a few shares. Due to the late notice, it



is unlikely that this will attract much attention. The poster also provides no information about where they plan on taking this convoy.

Red Deer Recurring Freedom Rally

Date: 2022/02/19

Time: 12:30; Convoy at 14:30

Meeting location: 19th Street and Gaetz Avenue

Detachment(s) affected: Red Deer City

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/Personal Info.) Personal Info.



Image 2: Screen Capture of Red Deer Freedom Rally poster
(source: Facebook, 2022-02-15)

On 2022-02-19 at 13:30hrs, a rally is planned to take place at the corner of 19 Street and Gaetz Avenue, in Red Deer. At 14:30hrs, the regularly occurring convoy will travel within the vicinity of Red Deer. This convoy/rally had been reoccurring since late January and is a regular occurrence for Red Deer.



Throne Speech Convoy

Date: 2022/02/22

Time: Various, but arrive in Edmonton by 11:00

Meeting location: Alberta Legislature Building, Edmonton

Detachment(s) affected: Unknown, calling for convoys from everywhere in Alberta

The Facebook group "Rally 4 Resources" is promoting a convoy to the Alberta Legislature building to protest the Throne Speech, on 2022/02/22. The group does not appear to be organizing the event themselves; however, they are urging others to organize their own convoys. Currently, it is unknown if an event is planned; however, participation could potentially be substantial in light of protesters leaving Courts and negative sentiment regarding PM Trudeau invoking the *Emergency Measures Act*. This event will continue to be monitored over the next week and further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Okotoks Recurring Anti-Mandates and Masks protest

Date: 2022/02/20

Time: 13:00

Meeting location: 50 McRae Street, Okotoks

Detachment(s) affected: Okotoks

The "Foothills Children's Protest" occurs every Sunday at the Olde Towne Plaza (50 McRae Street, Okotoks), with varying levels of attendance. The event usually has a guest speaker. On 2022/02/20, it will be **Personal Info.** from the group "Free to Play." The protest will focus on restrictions affecting children.

Ponoka Convoy to Edmonton

Date: 2022/02/19

Time: Unknown

Meeting location: Unknown specifics – somewhere in Ponoka

Detachment(s) affected: All detachments between Ponoka and Edmonton

The leader, **Personal Info.**, posted about a convoy to travel from Ponoka to Edmonton on 2022/02/19.



Other Protests/Events

Fort McMurray – Convoy to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/15 to 18

Time: 07:00 – 21:00

Meeting location:

Detachment(s) affected: Wood Buffalo

A Facebook event has been created in Facebook group “Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray” for a convoy from Fort McMurray to Ottawa from 2022/02/15 to 18. The organizers appear to be **Personal Info.** The route is tentatively Fort McMurray, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sault Sainte Marie, Sudbury, and Ottawa. To date, 27 people have responded to the event. **Personal** posted a comment regarding the fundraiser for a Supply Convoy to Ottawa, stating that \$3,500 has been raised thus far. Organizers of the convoy are listed as: **Personal Info.** As of 2022-02-14, 28 people have responded to the Facebook event; 7 people said they are “Going” and 21 said they were “Interested”.

Charter Bus to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/19

Time: Unknown

Meeting location: Pickups in Red Deer, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Swift Current, Regina

Detachment(s) affected: Highway 2 from Red Deer to Calgary, TransCanada Highway east of Calgary.

Personal posted to the Facebook group “ALBERTA FREEDOM CONVOY 2022CA” that her husband is attempting to fill a charter bus to Ottawa. Information has not been posted about the location or timing. UPDATE: The event is postponed to 2022/02/19, due to lack of response. A post has requested confirmation of attendance by 2022/02/16. **No OSINT update.**

Other Information

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Posts are circulating on Twitter that the police ‘disabled’ three excavators at the COUTTS border protest. Conversely, there are also posts stating they do not know who wrecked the equipment and that it may not have been the police.

A news article by Press Progress reports that one of the wealthy donors who contributed to the convoy in



Ottawa believes acts of civil disobedience against public health measures are Canada's last hope before "civil war." This donor is not named in the article.

LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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